

# Best Practices Fireworks Celebrate Safely Education/Enforcement Campaigns

Agency	Education	Enforcement	Outcome	
			Before	After
<b>City of Spokane</b> Duration: 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiated by Spokane Fire Department around 1985.</li> <li>Developed an Interagency Focus Group in 2005.</li> <li>Mailed a letter to citizens in targeted complaint areas educating them in the fireworks law.</li> <li>Distributed educational flyers about the ban.</li> <li>Wrote Newspaper articles</li> <li>Gave television interviews</li> <li>Gave radio interviews</li> <li>Posted fireworks law warning signs</li> <li>Included preventative safety messages in 5/6 grade safety curriculum.</li> <li>Published fireworks incident statistics each year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banned fireworks in 1993.</li> <li>Increased fine from \$103 to \$513 from a class 3 to a class 1 civil infraction.</li> <li>Implemented a Hot line to report violations.</li> <li>Mapped violations in 2003 and 2004 by neighborhood.</li> <li>Citizen patrols in targeted areas for 2006.</li> <li>Police emphasis patrol in targeted areas.</li> <li>Police Reservist/Fire Prevention Response Teams to write civil infractions.</li> <li>Developing a training video to identify illegal fireworks, explosives and homemade devices.</li> <li>Confiscated 2,000 illegal fireworks.</li> </ul>	<b><u>1983-1992</u></b> Injuries: 29 -ten yr avg Fires: 104 - ten yr avg  <b><u>2004</u></b> Reported Violations/ Complaints: 872 18 civil infractions Unknown citations	<b><u>1993-2002</u></b> Injuries: 3.7- ten yr avg Fires: 4.6 – ten yr avg  <b><u>2005</u></b> Reported Violations/ Complaints: 407 22 civil infractions 10 citations
<b>City of Auburn</b> Duration: 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distributed fireworks safety brochures at fireworks stands and apartment complexes.</li> <li>Published media releases.</li> <li>Held a press conference.</li> <li>Gave additional follow-up media interviews.</li> <li>Feature newspaper article was published.</li> <li>Letters sent to apartment and mobile home park managers.</li> <li>Mailed 2,000 letters in English and Spanish with law and eviction information.</li> <li>Flyers distributed at city events and fire stations.</li> <li>Held meetings with tribal officials regarding safety at discharge sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed police/fire response teams.</li> <li>Established a zero tolerance enforcement policy.</li> <li>Officers trained to identify legal/illegal firework.</li> <li>Stored confiscated fireworks in special rented trailer.</li> <li>Officers assigned to fireworks stands.</li> <li>Enforcement patrols beginning May 22.</li> <li>Education, confiscation and citation at block parties in target areas.</li> <li>Coordinated sting operations with Auburn Police SIU and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.</li> </ul>	<b><u>2004</u></b> Injuries: 2 Fires: 37 911 CAD Responses: 251 A reduction of 107 from the previous year. Vehicle Collisions. 3 ATF Sting Arrests : 5 Confiscated 2,000 illegal fireworks	<b><u>2005</u></b> Injuries: 2 Fires: 24 911 CAD Responses: 201 A reduction of 50 from the previous year. Vehicle Collisions: 1 ATF Sting Arrests: 1 Confiscated 30,000 illegal fireworks  Increased traffic safety Positive Public Feedback Reduced injuries and property damage at tribal discharge sites
<b>City of Vancouver</b> Duration: 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formed a team of staff from the Fire Marshal's Office to conduct the campaign.</li> <li>Formed a stakeholders group which had an advisory role.</li> <li>Distributed 55,000 safety fliers at fireworks stands, schools, neighborhood association and door-to-door in focus areas.</li> <li>Spanish language version also available.</li> <li>Fire and Police cadets distributed fliers door-to-door in targeted areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspection of fireworks stands, storage facilities and display sites.</li> <li>Developed 8 police/fire marshal response teams to respond to fireworks complaints.</li> <li>Conducted joint patrols in targeted areas.</li> <li>A 911 dispatcher was dedicated to the fireworks enforcement teams.</li> <li>Issued civil infractions.</li> <li>Amended the city ordinance to include a new civil infraction.</li> </ul>	<b><u>2004</u></b> Injuries: 3 Fires: 44 Complaints: 275 Civil Infractions: 0 Fines: 0	<b><u>2005</u></b> Injuries: 15 Fires: 15 Complaints: 688 Civil Infractions: 144 Fines: \$53,000  Parks cleaner Police and fire report calmer after curfew.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Posted 12 metal street signs on major arterioles with discharge dates.</li><li>• Posted vinyl banners with discharge dates, posted at City Hall and rotating at fire stations.</li><li>• Coordinated 30,000 utility bill inserts</li><li>• Comprehensive Fireworks information on the web site with link to state “Celebrate Safely” Campaign.</li><li>• Conducted a public fireworks survey after the campaign.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Created a format to streamline the “Notice of Infraction” writing and “Findings” process.</li><li>• Eliminated fireworks over New Year’s holiday.</li></ul>		Citizen complaints were heard and action was taken.
<b>Department of Natural Resources</b> Duration: 4 years	Public awareness and community outreach strategies in regional, local and tribal communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Published newspaper articles.</li><li>• Placed Radio PSA’s.</li><li>• Posted signs at key locations.</li><li>• Distributed fireworks safety flyers.</li><li>• Distributed children’s fireworks safety activity books.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted Fourth of July patrols</li><li>• Referred explosive violations to L&amp;I</li></ul>	<u><b>2002</b></u> Fires on targeted DNR Protected Lands: Klickitat – 21 TumTum - 8	<u><b>2003-2005</b></u> Fires on targeted DNR Protected lands: Three year period 2003-2005 Klickitat–4 TumTum-4  Received positive public feedback.